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ELYON

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"I HAD A DREAM THAT I BECAME A QUEEN..."

"I HAD TO LEAVE EVERYTHING. MY HOUSE, MY SURROUNDINGS..."

"...MY FRIENDS AND EVERYONE I KNEW. IN THE BEGINNING I FOUND IT AMUSING, BUT LATER IT WASN'T..."

"ALL THE NIGHTS WERE THE SAME, BUT THE WORST THING WAS THE MORNING WHICH AWOKE ME!"

"...AND MADE ME REALIZE THE TRUTH."

GOOD MORNING, HIGHNESS! THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN SHINES FOR YOU!

UH, YES, CERTAINLY, NAGADIR!

BREAKFAST IS SERVED, AND YOUR NEW CLOTHING IS READY IN THE CHANGING ROOM!

YAWN! WHAT'S THE RUSH THIS MORNING?

ER, HIGHNESS, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY IT, BUT...

OH NO! I'M LATE AGAIN!

UH-HUH!

ONE PERIOD MINUS TWO PHASES HAVE PASSED! FROM THE WATCHTOWER THEY HAVE ASKED FOR YOU TWO TIMES!

THE COUNCIL MEETING!

WHY DIDN'T YOU WAKE ME? AND WHY ISN'T THERE A CLOCK IN THIS CASTLE?

DOESN'T THIS SATISFY YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS?

I... CERTAINLY, NAGADIR! IT GOES WELL...

IF ONLY I KNEW HOW TO READ IT!

"HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN THE QUEEN OF MERIDIAN? A MONTH? A DAY? A MOMENT?"

TADACLOP TADACLOP TADACLOP

"TIME RUNS DIFFERENTLY HERE AND IS CALLED BY A THOUSAND NAMES WHICH I STILL DON'T KNOW."

"THESE ARE THE SMALL THINGS WHICH GIVE YOU THE UNPLEASANT FEELING THAT YOU ARE FAR FROM HOME...

"... BUT NOSTALGIA IS USELESS, REALIZING MY HOME IS HERE! DESPITE MY DESIRE, I BELONG TO THE METAWORLD!

HIGHNESS...

HELLO, MAMA!

NOT IN PUBLIC, ELYON! IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS I'M ONLY CAPTAIN MIRIADEL!

I KNEW HER AS ELEANOR PORTRAIT, MY MOTHER. AT LEAST I THOUGHT SO..."

"CAPTAIN MIRIADEL. FANTASTIC!"

"I GREW UP IN HEATHERFIELD, LIVING A NORMAL LIFE, UNTIL SOMETHING EMERGED..."

"... DESTROYING THE WORLD I KNEW."

"IN THE WORST OF WAYS, I DISCOVERED THAT I WAS HEIR TO THE THRONE OF A DISTANT KINGDOM, USURPED BY A CRUEL BROTHER, PHOBOS."

"THOSE WHO I BELIEVED TO BE MY PARENTS WERE IN REALITY TWO OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL GUARD WHO FLED TO BRING ME INTO SAFETY!"

"MY TRUE FATHER AND MOTHER DISAPPEARED A LONG TIME AGO, LEAVING ME A WORLD WITHOUT GOVERNOR."

"AS IF AN ADOLESCENT HADN'T ENOUGH ALREADY! AND NOW I'M HERE! CALLED TO GATHER WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES!

GOOD MORNING, ELYON!

COMMANDER ALBORN!

HUH? SHE CALLED ME 'PAPA' BEFORE!

WE SPEAK AT THE END OF THE MEETING, ALLRIGHT?

EXCUSE ME FOR MY DELAY, COUNSELORS! I DIDN'T MEAN ANY DISRESPECT!

PARDON US FOR OUR PERSISTENCE, HIGHNESS! WE KNOW YOU HAVE NUMEROUS ENGAGEMENTS BUT...

NO, NO, SIR. IT'S ONLY MY FAULT. I DIDN'T HEAR THE TIME TO GET UP.

YOU DON'T NEED TO EXPLAIN. YOU ARE THE QUEEN! INFINITE BRIGHTNESS TO THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN!

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"THE NEW COUNCIL OF THE METAWORLD..."

OH!

DON'T YOUR FEET HURT THEN? WHY DON'T YOU SIT DOWN IN ADVANCE?

TO BE HONEST, WE AWAITED YOUR SIGN, HIGHNESS!

"ALL CAPABLE PEOPLE. BUT HOW TERRIBLY TEDIOUS THEY ARE!"

"THESE THINGS MAKE ME FEEL BAD. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSES AND DECIDES ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE METAWORLD."

"MY BROTHER PHOBOS DID EVERYTHING ON HIS OWN, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF HE ACTUALLY SUCCEEDED."

ALSO WITH TEN COUNSELORS AROUND I FEEL LOST MYSELF! AND WITH TWENTY OF THEM IT WON'T BE MUCH DIFFERENT!

AND FOR THIS WE ASK YOU FOR YOUR DECISION!

HUH? ARE YOU TALKING TO ME?

WELL, OF COURSE, YOUR HIGHNESS!

I WAS... I WAS DISTRACTED FOR A MOMENT!

"I HAVEN'T HEARD A WORD OF IT!"

CAN YOU SUMMARIZE THE LAST PASSAGE, ADVISOR ZAHLET?

AHEM... I'M TETHRAS, MAJESTY. HE'S ZAHLET!

"ANOTHER BLUNDER IN A ROW! EVERY DAY I'M WORSENING INSTEAD OF IMPROVING!"

WE DISCUSSED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DAM IN THE RIVER NUT AND THE PROTESTS OF HELY AGAINST IT...

ER... WHAT IS HELY?

HELY IS A VILLAGE IN THE COUNTY OF IDIER, MAJESTY!

"I CAN'T CONTINUE THIS WAY. IT'S RIDICULOUS."

ALLRIGHT! THE MEETING IS SUSPENDED, GENTLEMEN!

HIGHNESS! WHAT HAPPENED?

PLEASE, MOMMY...

... PLEASE!

OH, ELYON, MY LITTLE ONE!

THE TRUTH IS THAT I FEAR THAT I CAN'T DO THIS!

YOU SHOULDN'T TALK LIKE THAT, ELYON! YOU SHOULDN'T JUSTIFY YOURSELF!

YOU RESTORED FREEDOM AND ORDER TO MERIDIAN! YOU SAVED THE METAWORLD...

AND THAT'S SOMETHING ONLY THE QUEEN CAN DO!

I THOUGHT I COULD RESOLVE EVERY PROBLEM WITH A SIMPLE GESTURE, BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH! I CAN DO MORE! I SHOULD DO MORE!

HOW CAN I BE THE QUEEN OF A WORLD I DON'T EVEN KNOW?

"HERE, NOW I SAID IT! THIS WORLD DOESN'T BELONG TO ME FOR AS FAR I DON'T KNOW IT!"

AND WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO THEN?

I DON'T KNOW, MAMA!

MERIDIAN NEEDS YOU, ELYON!

HIGHNESS... ALLOW ME...

WHAT IS IT, NAGADIR? I SAID I DON'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED!

THERE ARE.. ER... THERE ARE VISITORS FOR YOU!

NOT THIS AFTERNOON! I DON'T WANT TO RECEIVE ANYONE!

AND SINCE WHEN ARE WE JUST ANYONE?

NO! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

I TOLD YOU, GIRLS! HAVING THE CROWN ON HER HEAD IS ENOUGH TO PUT HER NOSE UP AGAINST US!

GIRLS!

"IT'S THEM! WHERE HAVE THEY COME FROM? WHY ARE THEY HERE? AND WHY AM I ASKING THESE QUESTIONS?

QUEEN, MAJESTY, HIGHNESS, WHAT SHALL WE CALL YOU?

HOW HIGH IS YOUR PERCH?

AAAHAAAH!

I BET THAT PONCHO IS DESIGNED BY YOU!

TRUE! I'M TRYING TO DRAW THE MODELS MYSELF! IF I DON'T I WOULD BE WEARING THE COURT TAILOR'S CLOTHES!

OH ELYON! HOW GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

EXCUSE US FOR NOT BOWING FOR YOU!

"BUT AT THIS MOMENT,HAVING THEM HERE IS ALL THAT MATTERS. I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! EVEN MY BEST FRIEND CORNELIA!"

"MY FRIENDS! THEY MAKE ME FEEL SO HAPPY TO SEE THEM AGAIN THAT I'M SPEECHLESS.

HOW NICE, GIRLS! ACTUALLY I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU! AND I... DIDN'T HOPE... DOH! WHAT AM I SAYING?

IT WASN'T EASY TO GET HERE! WE NEEDED A SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION FROM KANDRAKAR, BUT WE MADE IT IN THE END!

MOST OF ALL, THIS IS AN OCCASION NOT TO BE MISSED!

AN OCCASION? WHAT OCCASION?

WHAT? HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT?

TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, ELYON!

"MY BIRTHDAY."

WE LEAVE YOU ALONE WITH YOUR FRIENDS, MY CHILD! EVEN YOU NEED TO BE CHEERED UP!

THEY'LL HAVE MANY THINGS TO TELL YOU!

"THIS IS MY BIRTHDAY..."

BUT WHAT IS IT TODAY?

IS EVERYTHING WELL, ELYON?

EXCUSE ME! IT... IT'S JUST THE FACT THAT THE CALENDAR HERE IS NOT THE SAME AS THE ONE IN HEATHERFIELD!

YOU STILL HAVEN'T GOT USED TO IT, EH?

I FEAR I SHALL NEVER GET USED TO IT! EVERYTHING IS DIFFERENT HERE!

SOMETIMES I HAVE THE DESIRE TO LET IT ALL GO! I KNOW I WOULD BE ASHAMED TO DO SO, BUT IT'S REALLY HARD!

TO CHANGE IS NEVER EASY! BUT SOMETIMES IT'S NECESSARY...

AND SOMETIMES YOU CAN'T PREVENT IT FROM HAPPENING!

YOU MADE A BIG CHANGE. DID... DIDN'T IT MAKE YOU MAD?

I WOULD GO OUT OF MY MIND EASILY!

BUT WHY DID THIS HAPPEN TO ALL OF US?

OUR DESTINIES ARE FIXED, ELYON! IF IT WAS UP TO US, THIS WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED!

WELL...

AND HOW'S LIFE GOING?

MMM... WELL ENOUGH, I WOULD SAY!

IT'S BEEN LIVELY, BUT NOT TOO BAD!

"I KNOW CORNELIA WELL ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND THAT WHAT SHE'S TELLING ME ISN'T THE TRUTH!"

"THERE'S SOMETHING THAT WORRIES THEM. ANOTHER COSMIC THREAT I THINK."

AND WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HEATHERFIELD?

IT'S GOING VERY WELL AS ALWAYS! WE ALL PASSED AT SCHOOL!

THE SCHOOL! THAT'S ONE LITTLE EARTHLY THING WHICH I WON'T MISS!

AND MATT? DO YOU SEE HIM OFTEN?

WELL...

THERE'S NO NEED TO TELL THE TRUTH, WILL, NO NEED TO SAY SOMETHING BAD AND USELESS!

YOU'RE RIGHT, TARANEE!

HE'S WELL ALSO! AND HIS BAND COBALT BLUE RUNS VERY WELL.

MATT... I LIKED THAT BOY! I STILL REMEMBER HIM VERY WELL!

ON MERIDIAN THERE ISN'T MUCH OF A CHOICE!

ARE YOU KIDDING? I LOVE THIS GREEN AND MUSKY PLACE. THERE ARE SO MANY TYPES OF FAUNA TO SEE!

DO YOU PROMISE TO TAKE ME TO HEATHERFIELD NEXT BIRTHDAY?

PROMISE! BUT DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT WE'RE GIVING YOU THIS BIRTHDAY?

WHAT? HAVEN'T YOU GIVEN ME A BIG SURPRISE ALREADY?

HEY! DO YOU SEE WRINKLES ON OUR FOREHEADS?

WE HAVE SOMETHING FROM US FOR YOU! THINGS SO THAT YOU WON'T FORGET US AND THE WORLD WE COME FROM!

DID YOU THINK WE CAME EMPTY-HANDED?

CONGRATULATIONS, ELYON!

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OH, GIRLS...

DON'T SAY ANYTHING AND OPEN THEM, COME ON!

A BOX OF COLOR PENCILS!

MY PENCILS! YOU ALWAYS LOVE TO DRAW, RIGHT?

AND THIS IS A...

A DIARY! WELL, ACTUALLY IT ISN'T REALLY MY DIARY, BUT YOU CAN WRITE EVERYTHING YOU WANT!

THE FIRST THING I'LL WRITE, IS THE DATE! WHEN TODAY IS MY BIRTHDAY, THIS IS OCTOBER 31ST! I NEED A CALENDAR!

NOW I'LL GIVE YOU THIS!

WOW!

A PIECE OF MY COLLECTION! ONE OF THE BEST!

I THINK THE OTHERS ARE!

NOT FUNNY! BESIDES, IT'S NOT DIRTY, NOT PATCHED AND ONLY A BIT ANTIQUE!

AND FROM WHOM AM I GETTING THE NEXT ONE?

FROM ME! WE'LL LEAVE THE ONE FROM TARANEE TILL LAST!

ROLLERSKATES? FANTASTIC!

I WANTED YOU TO HAVE A PAIR OF MY SKATES, BUT THEY ARE ALL FOR ICE!

THANKS! THANKS WITH ALL OF MY HEART! I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!

AND NOT TO MENTION...

SCRATCH

SCRATCH

...THERE'S STILL ONE LEFT!

NO! A CAMERA!

YOU WERE NEVER GOOD AT TAKING PICTURES.

WHEN YOU PRESS THE BUTTON, YOU CAN ALSO MAKE CELEBRATION CARDS!

CLIC

F-WAMP

OH!

"WE WERE NEVER DISTANT AND WE NEVER WILL BE."

Mai troppo lontane!
Will
Irma
Haylin
Cornelia
Taranee

YOU ARE THE BEST FRIENDS I COULD EVER HAVE!

IT'S A SURPRISE, ELYON, YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE EXPECTED IT... BUT THAT'S WHAT CARDS ARE FOR!

"ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GREETING IS A PHOTOGRAPH I WILL NEVER FORGET!"

"AND THIS IS ALL FOR ME NOW."

NOW IT'S TIME FOR US TO GO, ELYON!

WHAT? WHY DON'T YOU STAY FOR A WHILE?

IT REALLY WOULD PLEASE US, ELLY, BUT WE CAN'T! KANDRAKAR GRANTED US A LEAVE ON TIME LIMITS!

DUTY IS CALLING! BUT WE WILL RETURN! YOU CAN COUNT ON US FOR THAT!

"THEY WILL RETURN, I KNOW IT."

"I FEEL IT."

WZZZZZ

ZZZAM

HUH?

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ELYON!

IT'S ALLRIGHT, PAPA! MY FRIENDS JUST LEFT!

I NEED TO TELL YOU THAT I'M LEAVING AS WELL!

YOU'RE LEAVING? WHERE TO? I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

I WANT TO MAKE A JOURNEY THROUGH METAMOOR! I THINK I CAN'T GOVERN A WORLD I DON'T KNOW!

THAT'S AN EXCELLENT IDEA! I'LL CALL FOR THE ROYAL GUARD IMMEDIATELY!

NO, PAPA! I HAVE TO MAKE THIS JOURNEY ON MY OWN! IT'S TIME TO DO SO!

BUT, ELYON!

DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT ME, MAMA! I HAVE EVERYTHING I NEED!

A DIARY TO WRITE MY THOUGHTS, COLOR PENCILS FOR DRAWING...

...AND A CAMERA TO RECORD WHAT I'VE SEEN!

BUT WHAT WILL WE SAY TO THE COUNCIL? THEY ARE STILL WAITING IN THE WATCHTOWER!

WE WILL CONTINUE THE MEETING AT MY RETURN! THAT'S BETTER FOR ALL, TRUST ME!

TAKE THESE TO MY ROOM, NAGADIR!

AS YOU WISH, HIGHNESS!

AND MY CROWN... I LEAVE IT TO YOU! I DON'T NEED IT OUTSIDE!

ELYON, ARE YOU SURE ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

I'M NOT A LITTLE GIRL, PAPA!

I KNEW YOU WOULD SAY THAT!

TO BE PREPARED YOU NEED A MAP OF METAMOOR AND THE BEST HORSE OF THE STABLES OF THE CASTLE!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF MYSELF, YOU WILL SEE! I HAVE ENOUGH POWER FOR US BOTH! I CHANGE AND GO! THE METAWORLD AWAITS ME!

"NOW I'M THE QUEEN OF MERIDIAN!"

"Sono la regina di un mondo che non conosce la regalità del mio animo."

Disegno di Paolo Campinoti - Colore di Gabriela Lovati

"IF IT WAS NOT ABOUT THE COLORS, THIS WOULD BE A SIMPLE MARMOT...

KNIFF KNIFF KNIFF

RRRRRR...

"BUT AFTER ALL IS KNOWN..."

"...IT'S THE DETAILS THAT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!"

RRRRRAW! RRRRAAAW!

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING... IT HAS THE ADVANTAGE! I DON'T WANT TO USE BRUTE FORCE...

RRRRAW!

...BUT I CAN RESTORE THE PROPORTIONS FOR A BIT!

ZWIIIIIN

EEK! EEK! EEK!

NO FEAR, LITTLE ONE! SOON YOU'LL GROW AS GIGANTIC AS BEFORE!

AS FOR YOU, THANKS FOR THE HELP! YOU WERE EXPECTED TO DO SO! I HOPE YOU'RE SATISFIED WITH YOURSELF!

I HAVE TO REMOVE THE FLASH WHEN I'M PHOTOGRAPHING ANIMALS!

THIS IS A NICE ONE, BUT THERE IS TOO MUCH MOVEMENT.

THIS ISN'T THE BEST WAY TO START A DIARY OF MY JOURNEY, BUT I GUESS I HAVE TO START SOMEWHERE.

THIS PLACE AND IT'S INCREDIBLE THINGS... THERE'S A LOT TO DISCOVER!

I CAN FINALLY SEE THE BORDERS OF MY KINGDOM BEYOND THE VIEW OF THE TOWER.

ACCORDING TO THIS MAP, THE TOWER OF GRENDAL MUST BE A FEW DAYS AWAY...

AND ONE OF THE FOUR TOWERS OF MERIDIAN! BACK IN THE CASTLE I'LL FOLLOW A CRASH COURSE IN HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY!

IT ONLY DEPENDS ON ME IF THOSE PEOPLE DON'T HEAR ME OUTSIDE!

I DON'T WANT TO BE A BURDEN ANYMORE! IF THERE'S SOMETHING I DON'T SUPPORT THEN IT'S TO BE SUPPORTED...

"BUT WHAT DOES ONE EXPECT FROM A QUEEN? FAIRYTALES AND WEEKLY MAGAZINES ARE ONE THING..."

..BUT THIS IS REAL, EVEN IF IT'S WEIRD... MY REALITY... AND IT'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM EVERYTHING ELSE I'VE SEEN BEFORE..."

"WHAT IS TO BE EXPECTED FROM A QUEEN? WISDOM? JUSTICE?"

"WHAT'S TO BE EXPECTED FROM ME?"

"IS THAT YOU, MOTHER?"

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITHOUT DISAPPOINTING YOU?

YOU SHOULDN'T BE AFRAID, ELYON! NO ONE WANTS YOU TO SEE YOURSELF AS A BRAVE PERSON! YOU HAVE THE POWER AND THE DETERMINATION, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR, MY GIRL! IN ORDER NOT TO DISAPPOINT ANOTHER YOU FIRST HAVE TO BELIEVE IN YOURSELF!

BELIEVE... YES!

AND THEN IN ORDER TO HAVE NO FEAR FOR TRICKERY! YOU SHOULD IMAGINE THE OTHERS HAVE MORE FEAR FOR YOU!

AND... AND... AND YOU DON'T HAVE FEAR?

YOUR IMAGINATION IS GROWING! YOU DON'T LACK FANTASY, ELYON!

THANKS FOR THE SUGGESTION, MOMMY!

THIS WAS MY LAST ADVICE, ELYON! I WON'T APPEAR ANYMORE!

WHAT... WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

I'M ABOUT TO BE A MEMORY, ELYON! A GOOD MEMORY, NOTHING MORE THAN THAT!

IF YOU CLING TO NOSTALGIA, REGRETS AND SADNESS WILL TAKE YOU DOWN, WHILE A QUEEN SHOULD MOVE FORWARD!

WAIT, MOTHER! DON'T GO AWAY!

THE MEMORIES ARE BEAUTIFUL AND IMPORTANT, BUT DON'T LIVE TO THEM ALONE!

MOMMY!

GOODBYE, ELYON!

AH!

M-MOMMY...

CRACK

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THERE'S SOMEONE BEHIND THAT ROCK!

HRRRRRRR...

THE HORSE IS NER-VOUS! THERE MUST BE AN ANIMAL IN THE NEIGH-BOURHOOD...

BUT IT COULD ALSO BE SOMETHING ELSE!

LET'S SEE IF THIS TRICK WORKS! IT'S AN OLD ONE...

I WAS RIGHT... WE HAVE COMPANY!

OUCH!

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TUMP!

KRRRLLLL

I'M CURIOUS TO SEE THE FACE OF OUR PURSUER...

KRRLLLLL

YOU WITH THE HOOD! YOU'D BETTER UNCOVER YOURSELF, FRIEND...

...THIS STONE COULD SLIDE AND FALL ON YOUR FEET!

NO, YOUR HIGHNESS! I DON'T HAVE BAD INTENTIONS, I BEG YOU!

KRRUMBLEE

... IT'S ME!

VATHEK!

YOU FRIGHTENED ME! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WERE YOU SHADOWING ME?

IT WASN'T MY IDEA! COMMANDER ALBORN ASKED ME TO FOLLOW YOU AND TO PROTECT YOU...

I WAS READY TO INTERVENE WHEN YOU CONFRONTED THE J'NOOK... BUT I SAW YOU DIDN'T NEED MY HELP!

J'NOOK! SO THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL THAT HAIRY THING!

AHEM... WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO PUT THE ROCK BACK, I LIKE TO WALK ON MY OWN FEET!

"I'M SURE THAT VATHEK WILL BECOME A GOOD GUIDE AND BEYOND THAT AN EXCELLENT TRAVEL COMPANION..."

"NOW THAT IT'S DAYLIGHT AND I'M NOT ALONE, THE TOWER OF GRENDAL SEEMS CLOSER TO ME NOW."

FORGET ABOUT THE MAP! I KNOW A SHORTCUT WHICH SAVES US A DAY OF TRAVELLING!

BY CUTTING THROUGH THE FOREST OF MOLD WE WILL AVOID THE HILLS BEYOND THE VILLAGE OF KEDY!

YOU KNOW THIS AREA WELL!

I WAS BORN HERE! HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF GOHMOR? IT'S A HAMLET ON THE SLOPES OF THE MOUNTAINS OF WALVIN!

I HAVEN'T GOT THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHAT'S OUTSIDE THE DOOR OF MY BEDROOM! THAT'S WHY I'M MAKING THIS JOURNEY!

GOOD! YOU CAN COUNT ON ME TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS!

CAN I ASK YOU SOME PERSONAL QUESTIONS? BUT DON'T FEEL OFFENDED, OKAY?

WHY ARE YOU AND I SO...

SO WHAT?

I MEAN....THE SOVEREIGNS OF MERIDIAN LOOK LIKE ME, WHILE YOU AND THE PEOPLE LOOK SO... DIFFERENT?

YOU ESCANOR ARE DIFFERENT! WE GALHOT ALWAYS WERE SO!

ESCANOR?

IT'S THE FAMILY NAME OF THE SOVEREIGNS OF MERIDIAN! NAMED AFTER ESCANOR, THE BRAVE ONE...

THE HERO OF BRITAIN WHO CROSSED THE THRESHOLD OF YOUR WORLD LONG AGO TO FIGHT AT OUR SIDE!

I NEVER HEARD THAT STORY!

THE ORACLE OF KANDRAKAR WAS ASKED FOR HELP, AND HE SAW IN ESCANOR THE SAVIOR OF OUR WORLD!

THE HISTORY OF METAMOOR BEGINS THERE! OUR WORLD WAS THREATENED BY THE BRIGANDS KAHEDRIN!

THE PRINCE ACCEPTED AND WITH HIS FOUR COMPANIONS HOËL, DIDIER, GRENDAL AND BRANDIS HE FOUGHT AT THE SIDE OF THE GALHOT!

A WINNER APPEARED AT THE END OF THAT ENDLESS WAR! THE LAST BATTLE AGAINST MORGON, KING OF THE KAHEDRIN, WAS LEGENDARY!

THE GALHOT OFFERED HIM THE THRONE OF THE META-WORLD,BUT ESCANOR WAS DOUBTFUL! ON EARTH, LERYN, HIS BRIDE WAS WAITING FOR HIM, AND AFTER THINKING FOR A LONG TIME, SHE DECIDED TO FOLLOW HIM.

IN HONOUR OF THE NEW MONARCHS MERIDIAN WAS FOUNDED...

,,,AND THE FOUR TOWERS OF THE METAWORLD ARE DEDICATED TO THE KNIGHTS OF ESCANOR!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT A CHARACTER LIKE MY BROTHER WAS BORN FROM THAT DYNASTY OF HEROES!

PHOBOS...

GOOD AND EVIL MEANS A LOT TO YOU, RIGHT?

IN EVIL ABOVE ALL! I OBEYED HIS ORDERS AND CEDRIC'S AS WELL FOR FAR TOO LONG. EVEN NOW I CANNOT WASH AWAY THE DISGRACE OF WHAT I DID.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THAT ANYMORE, VATHEK! I TOO BELIEVED THE ILLUSIONS OF THOSE DARK FORCES...

...BUT FIRSTLY, WE ARE FREED FROM THAT, SECONDLY, I LEARNED THE TRUTH IN TIME. DON'T LOOK BACK. YOU ARE FREE NOW!

NO, HIGHNESS! SOME FAULTS ARE DIFFICULT TO FORGIVE!

"I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT VATHEK'S PAST. ASIDE FROM THAT, I HAVE A GOOD AND GENEROUS PERSON BY ME."

"HE MADE MISTAKES.....BUT PERHAPS I WOULDN'T ACCEPT KNOWING A DIFFERENT TRUTH.

WE'RE HERE, HIGHNESS! LOOK...

WE ARRIVED!

THE TOWER OF GRENDAL! IT'S... IT'S BEAUTIFUL!

"IT'S AN INCREDIBLE SIGHT."

"BUT BY AN UN-EXPECTED TURN IT BECOMES THE LAST OF MY THOUGHTS."

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OOFF!

TUMP

KBUMP

VATHEK! WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

IT'S A TRAP, HIGHNESS!

HIGHNESS? WE HAVE A GOOD CATCH HERE, BROTHERS! AN ESCANOR IS ENTANGLED IN THE NET!

BUT WE ALSO CAUGHT SOME-THING BETTER! SOMETHING WHICH RESEMBLES A TRAITOR!

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DO YOU REMEMBER ME, VATHEK?

RASKAL? IS THAT YOU?

IT'S WEIRD TO SEE YOU WITHOUT YOUR SOLDIERS! WHAT BRINGS YOU DOWN HERE, SERVANT OF PHOBOS?

I DON'T SERVE ANYONE, RASKAL!

OH... LORD CEDRIC RELEASED YOU FROM YOUR CHAIN?

PHOBOS AND CEDRIC DON'T EXIST ANYMORE, OAF! THINGS HAVE CHANGED! DIDN'T THE MESSAGE ARRIVE DOWN HERE?

SORRY GIRL! WE DON'T LIVE OUTSIDE THIS WORLD... AND YOU ARE THE CAUSE OF EVERYTHING HERE!

OPEN THE TRAPDOOR!

TLAK

GET IN, PLEASE!

DO WE REALLY HAVE TO GO DOWN HERE?

WHAT? AREN'T YOU CURIOUS TO SEE WHERE AND HOW MY PEOPLE LIVE?

WE HAVE HIDDEN FOR YEARS TO ESCAPE THE SOLDIERS OF PHOBOS... BUT WE KNEW TO ADAPT OURSELVES!

OH!

MOVE!

HEY!

RENEGADE!

THUD!

DON'T REACT, HIGHNESS! DO NOTHING! LET ME TAKE CARE OF IT!

YOU SEE? THOSE ONES OF MY VILLAGE STILL DIDN'T FORGET YOUR LAST VISIT!

LOOK! IT'S VATHEK!

COWARD!

TRAITOR!

PUT THE GIRL IN THE CELL! I'LL TAKE CARE OF HER LATER!

VATHEK!

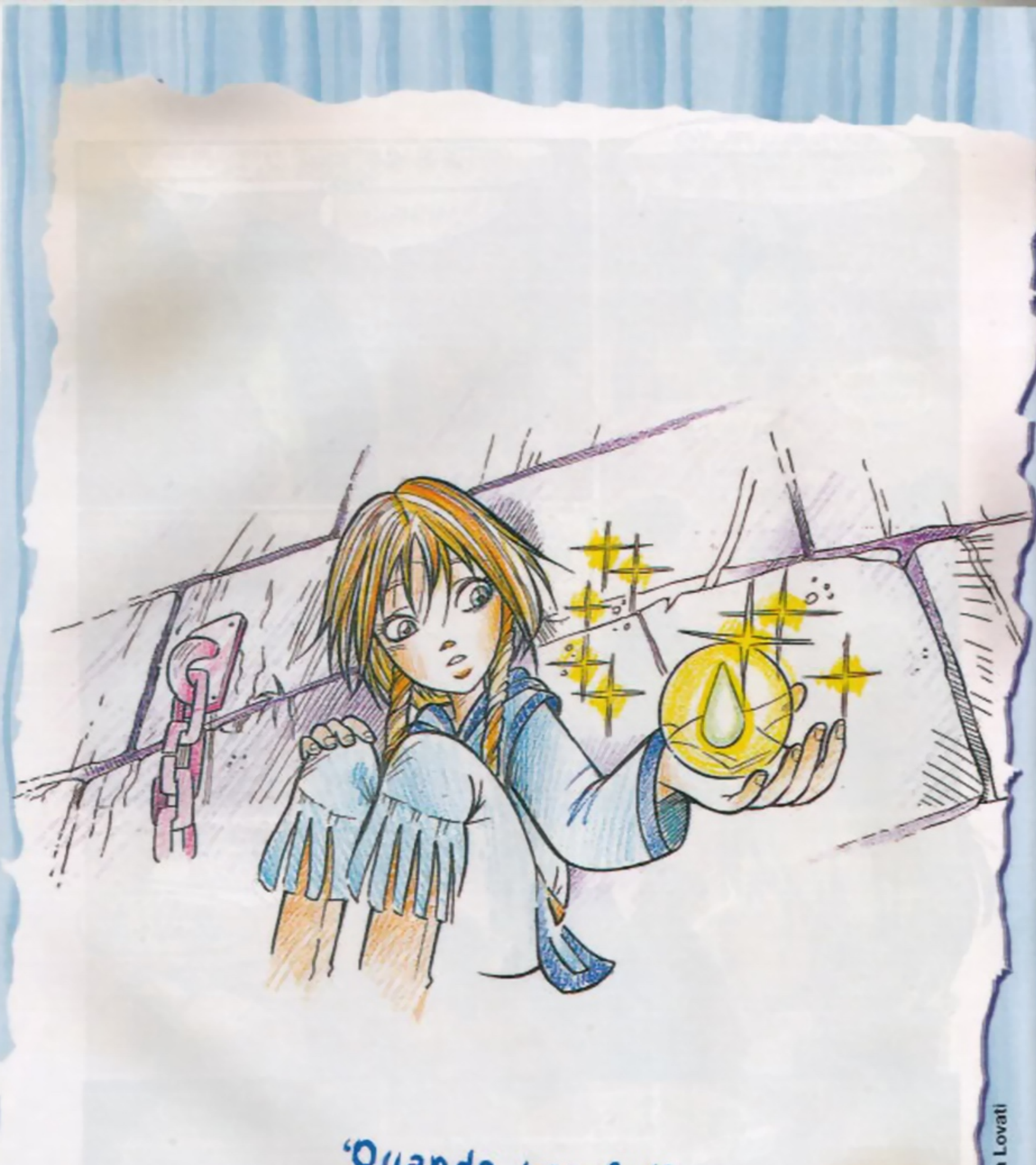
WHY DON'T YOU WANT ME TO INTERVENE? I CAN SWEEP THESE SENSELESS GUYS AWAY JUST BY THOUGHT!

I BEG YOU, HIGHNESS! THESE PEOPLE HATE ME, AND THEY ALL HAVE REASON FOR IT...

TAKE HIM TO THE SANDPIT! THERE WE WILL HAVE OUR REVENGE!

REVENGE! REVENGE!

...BECAUSE THE TIME THAT I HAVE TO PAY FOR WHAT I'VE DONE HAS ARRIVED!



"Quando pensi di avere un
conto in sospeso con
qualcuno, cerca in te
l'unica luce in grado
di illuminare le tue scelte."

Disegno di Giada Perissinotto - Colore di Gabriela Lovati

"THE CELL IS TERRIBLY COLD AND DAMP. MOLD IS EVERYWHERE. AN EXCELLENT PLACE TO LIVE IN."

"SOMEWHERE IN THIS CAVE, I HAVE COMPANY. THE SILENCE IS VIOLENTLY BROKEN BY A VOICE."

"ONLY IF YOU ARE A TOADSTOOL, OF COURSE."

WHO... WHO'S THERE? COME OVER HERE!

MY NAME'S ELYON, SIR!

COME HERE, GIRL, YOU ARE THE FIRST VISITOR WHO I HAVE RECEIVED FOR A LONG TIME...

B-BUT... BUT YOU ARE AN ESCANOR!

WELL... IT SEEMS TO BE SO!

RASKAL HAS SURPASSED THE MARK! CAPTURING A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY WILL INCITE THE RAGE OF PHOBOS OVER US!

YOU DON'T NEED TO FEAR THE PRINCE ANYMORE! PHOBOS HAS LEFT THE METAWORLD!

HOW STRANGE IT IS... I'M THE NEW QUEEN!

THE... THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN! MY EYES AREN'T ABLE TO SEE YOUR LIGHT... BUT I'M HAPPY YOU'RE HERE!

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

I'M ARDEHL! AND LONG AGO I LEAD THESE PEOPLE! I SAVED THEM FROM PHOBOS' INSANITY AND HID DOWN HERE...

IS THERE A GOOD REASON FOR YOU TO BE IMPRISONED?

MY ONLY FAULT WAS THAT OF AGING! RASKAL TOOK MY PLACE BY FORCE...

BUT THOSE FOOLS WHO OBEY HIM GET WHAT THEY DESERVE!

THEY FLED FROM ONE TYRANT TO ANOTHER!

BUT THERE'S NO REASON TO LIVE LIKE PRISONERS, ARDEHL! THERE'S A DIFFERENT WORLD OUTSIDE!

I TRIED TO EXPLAIN IT TO THE OTHERS, BUT RASKAL DIDN'T BELIEVE ME!

HÈHÈHÈ... FOR RASKAL, EVERYTHING IS FINE!

HE ONLY REIGNS HERE... AND OUTSIDE FROM THIS PLACE HE WOULD RETURN TO BE A LOUT, WITHOUT ANY POWER!

RASKAL AND THE ONES WHO ARE THE MOST FAITHFUL TO HIM ARE BLINDER THAN I AM! IF YOU REALLY CAN CLAIM WHO YOU ARE...

...THEN SHINE ALL YOUR LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS!

TO BE HONEST, FOR HALF AN HOUR I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT KICKING HIS ASS!

BUT YOU ARE RIGHT, SOMETIMES FORCE IS NOT RIGHT!

ZWIIN

ZWIIN

HMM... STRANGE STUFF!

HUH?

KRRN

IT'S NOT NICE SEARCHING IN A GIRL'S BAG!

HELL! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU DID TO GET OUT OF THERE...

...BUT IF YOU DON'T RETURN TO YOUR CELL IMMEDIATELY, YOU WILL REGRET IT!

REALLY?

I SAY YOU'RE BLUFFING!

T-LANG

IS THE WAY CLEAR?

YOU COME WITH ME, ARDEHL! ALL'S QUIET!

AND... AND THE GUARD?

OH... HE'S QUIET AS WELL!

BUT WHERE ARE WE GOING?

TO THE SANDPIT! A FRIEND OF MINE IS IN DANGER OVER THERE!

I DON'T KNOW THE WAY!

"BUT JUDGING THE SHOUTING IT ISN'T FAR AWAY."

REVENGE!

DO YOU HEAR THEM, VATHEK? YOU'RE JUDGED ALREADY!

BUT I HAVE NO CHANCE OF DEFENDING MYSELF!

REVENGE!

TO DEFEND YOURSELF? FOR THE REASON YOU HAD, YOU, WHO CAME TO OUR VILLAGES AND ARRESTED THOSE WHO REFUSED TO ENLIST IN PHOBOS ARMY?

I WAS WRONG, BUT THE PEOPLE ARE FREE NOW! THE PRISON OF MERIDIAN DOESN'T EXIST ANYMORE!

DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE ENDED UP IN PRISON BECAUSE OF YOU?

IF YOU WANT TO CONDEMN ME, GO AHEAD! BUT PEOPLE, GO OUTSIDE AND LOOK AROUND! YOU WILL DISCOVER THAT I DIDN'T LIE TO YOU!

QUIET! YOU WANT TO CONFUSE MY PEOPLE!

THIS IS THE ONLY SAFE PLACE! HERE THE DARKNESS OF PHOBOS WILL NEVER COME!

TALKING WITH YOU IS USELESS, RASKAL! ABANDON YOUR IDEAS! THIS COMEDY HAS LASTED FOR TOO LONG!

HERE I'M THE LAW... BUT YOUR JUDGMENT WILL BE HELD BY THE SARVAK! WHEN YOU SUCCEED TO DEFEAT IT, IT MEANS YOU DESERVE TO LIVE! RELEASE THE CHAINS!

SARVAK!

SARVAK!

AND LET THE SARVAK IN!

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT A SARVAK IS, BUT THE NAME OF IT DOESN'T PROMISE ANY GOOD..."

SARVAK!

SARVAK!

COURAGE, VATHEK! YOU'VE BEEN IN WORSE SITUATIONS!

GRAAAA-AAAAN-K!!!

SARVAK!

SARVAK!

SARVAK!

SARVAK!

BY THE LIGHTNING OF IMDAHL!

GRAAAAAW!

CRUNCH

YOU'RE SWIFT, BEAST!

BUT I WON'T WAIT FOR YOUR NEXT BLOW!

DEATH! DEATH!

SHA-CLANG

TUMP

OOF!

RRRAAARH!

I CAN'T STAY WATCHING THIS!

OOOHH!! VATHEK FELL! HE'S FINISHED!

...DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO, DAMMIT, BUT AT LEAST LET ME STAND UP!

LOOK AT THIS VERY WELL, PEOPLE! THIS IS THE DESTINY OF OUR ENEMIES!

NO!

IN MY KINGDOM THE TIME OF VIOLENCE AND FEAR HAS ENDED!

ELYON!

"MOTHER HAD A GOOD REASON TO TELL ME I HAD TO CONTROL MYSELF..."

"...BUT I THINK THE OTHERS HAVE EVEN MORE FEAR FOR ME THAN I HAVE FOR MYSELF"

THE PRISONERS HAVE ESCAPED!

SARVAK, ATTACK!

OH NO, YOU WON'T!

RRRAAAW!

KWIIIN

I FEEL MUCH PAIN INSIDE OF YOU! RESENTMENT! ANGER ABOUT THE PRISON YOU HAVE BEEN COMPELLED TO! BUT NOW YOU ARE FREE!

WZZIIN

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN LIVING LOCKED UP IN A PRISON! YOU ARE LIKE THIS SARVAK!

THE LIFE OUTSIDE THAT AWAITS YOU IS BETTER THAN THE EXISTENCE WITHOUT FUTURE THAT YOUR LEADER HAS CHOSEN FOR YOU!

DON'T LISTEN! SHE'S A LIAR! SHE'S A LIAR!

YOU'RE LIVING FEARING AND HATING WHAT'S OUTSIDE WITHOUT KNOWING THAT MERIDIAN HAS CHANGED!

I AM THE NEW QUEEN... AND I'M HERE TO END ALL EVIL COMMITTED BY PHOBOS!

OHHH...

OHHH...

NOW RAISE YOUR HEADS AND WATCH!

"IT'S DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN HOW IT WORKS! I KNOW BUT YOU URGE ME THIS TO HAPPEN!"

ZWIIIN

ZWIIIN

OOOH!

ARGH!

OOOH!

YOU DON'T BLAME YOURSELF FOR WHAT YOU DID?

I GAVE THEIR FREEDOM BACK! FREE FROM THE FEAR... FROM THE DARKNESS... AND FROM YOUR LIES!

RETURN TO YOUR HOUSES AND VILLAGES, PEOPLE! THERE A NEW LIFE AWAITS YOU!

WAIT! DON'T GO AWAY! COME HERE! COME HERE! I ORDER YOU!

YOU CAN'T GIVE ORDERS ANYMORE, FRIEND! THERE'S NO SPACE FOR TYRANTS IN MERIDIAN!

YOU BELONG TO THE PAST, RASKAL! YOU DON'T KNOW IT, BUT YOU ARE OLDER THAN I AM!

COME, I'LL ACCOMPANY YOU OUTSIDE!

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, ELYON!

...AND WELCOME, HIGHNESS!

"THEY CALL ME HIGHNESS, BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN? I DON'T FEEL SUPERIOR TO ANYONE"

"I FEEL LIKE A NORMAL PERSON WHO HAS SOMETHING SPECIAL..."

"BUT I'M ALWAYS THE SAME, IN THE DEPTH OF THE SUBSOIL OR IN THE TOP OF A TOWER..."

"I'M STILL MYSELF! ELYON FOREVER!"

"AND ALSO THE QUEEN."

END OF THIS EPISODE.